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## Committee releases proposed University Constitution changes

By KEVIN THORNTON  
Managing Editor

The Faculty Governance committee this week released a draft of proposed revisions to the University Constitution and Bylaws.

The revisions, according to William Rickert, chair of the ad hoc committee, are an effort to streamline procedures, mainly deal with the Academic Council.

Rickert said the proposed changes "will hopefully clear lines of communication between the college and university decision makers."

The committee has proposed changing the name of the Academic Council to Academic Senate, a change proposed last year. The committee is also proposing to change the name of the University Constitution and Bylaws to the University Constitution.



The major change proposed by the committee is a reduction in the size of the Council from its present number of 37 to 15. The proposal would reduce the number of faculty members from 20, to one from each school or college. There would also be two faculty members elected from each school or college having 20 percent or more of the total faculty members.

Other reductions in the membership would come from the number of deans, which would decline by four from the current five to one elected by all deans of the university.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATION** on the proposed Senate would be changed to only two: the chair of Student Government, and another student selected by the government.

Samuel Kolmen, a member of the committee, said the reduction of members on the Senate would hopefully make the

decision making process easier.

"Whenever a deliberating body gets too large, it's hard to come to conclusions," he said. "By reducing the number of people, we wouldn't necessarily reduce the deliberations, but the actual deliberations can be made at the college level and a summary can be brought to the Senate."

The draft of the proposal also calls for the elimination of two standing committees of the Academic Council: the Library Committee, and the Steering Committee. The Library Committee would become a council, in order to deal with both policy decisions and implementation of policies.

Rickert said the elimination of the Steering Committee would not hamper the council, as the council would make decisions concerning what committees would handle specific issues.

Another major proposed change concerns the current one month delay in handling business brought to the council. In the present Constitution, issues brought to the council are required to be entered as new business, to be voted on or discussed at the next month's meeting. According to Rickert, the proposed draft merely omitted the necessity to enter issues as new business, so they can conceivably be voted on at the same meeting they are entered.

**THE COUNCIL** could also lose their ability to amend decisions made by committees. If the proposal is passed, the Senate would have power only to approve or disapprove decisions rendered by its committees; it would not have the power to amend those decisions.

"It's possible now," Rickert said, "that a committee can deliberate for months on an issue and submit its findings to the council only to have the recommendation changed. This way, the Senate can turn down the recommendation, and tell the committee why, so they can make the necessary adjustments."

The current proposal is only in the draft stage and Rickert said the committee will be holding open hearings to receive feedback from all members of the university community. No date has been set for the hearings.

Rickert also said if the proposal is passed it could not be implemented until September of 1983.

Rickert said he believes the proposed changes are healthy changes that can open lines of communication and add to the decision making process.



### All things come to...

The start of each and every quarter is a study in the art of patience for students. Above, students at the bookstore brave between 15 and 45 minute waits to purchase the tools of their academic trade.

Below, latecomers, and those with less than agreeable schedules find new ways to shift their weight from foot to foot while waiting to get to the registration window.

Hopefully, after books and schedules are all straightened out, the lines will shorten, to equal the level of patience.



TDG photos by Scott Kissell

# Judge overturns 'creationism' law

By BILL SIMMONS  
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. AP—A federal judge today struck down Arkansas' creationism law, ruling that it violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

In a much-awaited ruling, U.S. District Judge William Overton declared the purpose of the legislation was to advance religion in violation of the First Amendment prohibition against laws that advance or inhibit religion.

"The argument that creation from nothing does not involve a supernatural deity has no evidentiary or rational support," Overton ruled. "Indeed, creation of the world 'out of nothing' is the ultimate religious statement because God is the only actor."

The American Civil Liberties Union had challenged the law, which was to take effect next fall, and which would have required public schools that teach the theory of evolution to give balanced treatment to the theory known as creation science.

Overton presided over a nine-day trial last month that drew international attention because of the growing creationism movement.

The state had said that if it lost, it probably would appeal to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis.

CREATIONISTS GENERALLY believe the Earth was created suddenly no more than about 6,000 years ago. Evolutionists contend that scientific evidence shows that life began several million years ago and that the Earth is billions of years old.

Overton's 40-page decision said the only inference that can be drawn from the circumstances under which it was drafted and passed is that the purpose was, in fact, religious.

"It was simply and purely an effort to introduce the biblical version of creation into the public school curricula," Overton said, and where the law defines creation science as including separate ancestry of man and apes, the statute makes "a bald assertion. It explains nothing and refers to no scientific fact or theory."

The judge said creationist methods in the realm of science differed from those of other scientists. "The creationists' methods do not take data, weight it against the opposing scientific data and thereafter reach...conclusions. Instead, they take the literal wording of the book of Genesis and attempt to find scientific support for it," he said.

He said the creation account defined in the law obviously comes from the book of Genesis. The law was sponsored in the Senate early in 1981 by State Sen. Jim Holsted, D-North Little Rock.

THE ACLU filed its lawsuit in May on behalf of 23 plaintiffs, including religious leaders, scientists and educators.

During the nine-day trial, ACLU attorneys argued that the law is too vague, violates the constitutional separation of church and state and infringes on academic freedom.

The Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science Act was approved with little debate during the final days of the 1981 legislative session. Gov. Frank White signed the bill into law in March and later said he had not read it.

## WSU profs agree with ruling

By MIKE MILLER  
News Editor

A federal judge yesterday ruled that Arkansas' creationism law violates the constitutional separation of church and state and some scholars at Wright State agree.

U.S. District Judge William Overton declared that the purpose of the Arkansas legislation was to advance religion in violation of the First Amendment. William Ausich, WSU Assistant Professor of Geology, and David Bagr, Chairman of the Religion department at WSU, agreed evolution is the most viable explanation for the beginning of the universe.

AUSICH SAID Overton's decision was "absolutely correct."

"Creation science is clearly not a science," according to Ausich, "it's a religious idea."

Ausich said he accepts the theory of evolution, because he is a paleontologist who has studied numerous fossils.

"The fact that millions of fossils have been studied (which are millions of years old)," Ausich said, "is overwhelming evidence in favor of evolution."

Barr believes Overton made "basically the right decision."

He said creation science is not a topic which should be covered in a biology class.

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# Creationism not scientific view

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but something which should be taught in a social studies class.

"CREATION SCIENCE is a social phenomenon," Barr noted, "it is not a scientific view."

Barr said it is simply wrong to make a biology instructor teach a class in creationism.

According to Barr there are basically two theories that attempt to explain the formation of the universe: The scientific

view—which is accepted by individuals who study rocks, fossils, and land features—and the religious view—accepted by individuals who believe in a naturalistic or supernaturalistic beginning.

BARR SAID he accepts the theory of evolution because the men who initiated such an idea were scholars and he, Barr, is one of them.

"As a scholar," Barr explained, "I feel I can trust scholarly opinion in other areas."

Ausich backed Barr's statements by

insisting the theory of evolution is consistent with the laws of Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and most other scientific fields.

"IN A BIOLOGY class," Ausich said, "only evolution should be taught."

Ausich said he doesn't believe the teaching of Creationism should be completely banned, but the science that is taught in science class should include basic "agreed-upon" scientific ideas (which includes the teaching of evolutionary theory). Creationism, he said, should be

taught in a philosophy class.

AUSICH SAID an overwhelming percentage of scholars who have studied the history of the earth believe evolution is the only answer: Only a very small percentage, he added, accept creationist ideas.

"Scientific creation is a religious belief," he said, "which has nothing to do with science."

ACCORDING TO BARR, "Evolution is the way things are."

## Study says larger American cars are safer

By H. JOSEF HEBERT  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - Motorists in small cars are twice as likely to be killed in accidents as those in full size models, and Japanese autos are generally less safe than their American counterparts, according to a new insurance industry study released Tuesday.

The study is based on claims submitted to 10 insurance companies, handling half of the nation's auto policies, from 1978 through 1980.

William Haddon Jr., president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said the survey provides the first "real world collision" information which shows the danger of driving the increasingly popular, fuel-efficient subcompacts.

The study was released by the institute and the United Services Automobile Association, the country's ninth largest insurer of automobiles.

There was no immediate commend from U.S. automakers.

"Obviously small cars are here to stay because of their fuel efficiency. But as the study shows, small cars are much more deadly in accident situations because they are so much lighter than large cars," Robert F. McDermott, chairman of USAA, told a news conference.

THE SURVEY showed that among occupants of subcompacts, there were 34.1 deaths per 100,000 vehicles in 1980. By comparison, there were 23.8 deaths per 100,000 compact cars and 15.6 deaths per 100,000 full-sized cars.

The industry survey singled out American-made cars as being safer than their Japanese counterparts, especially when comparing small cars produced in both countries.

## Gov. to run for Auditor?

COLUMBUS, Ohio AP - A pair of Republican Party county chairmen say Gov. James A. Rhodes is pondering a race for state auditor this year, but the governor says he hasn't yet agreed "on anything."

In interviews this week with the *Dayton Daily News*, GOP chairmen Michael F. Colley of Franklin County and Robert E. Hughes of Cuyahoga County said Rhodes is seriously considering the race.

"He is very serious in his own mind about the possibility of running for state auditor," Hughes told the newspaper.

Rhodes is barred by the Ohio Constitution from serving a third consecutive term in the state's top office. Some officials of both the Republican and Democratic parties have suggested Rhodes might seek the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Democrat Howard Metzenbaum.

Colley, who has been urging Rhodes to run against incumbent Democratic State Auditor Thomas Ferguson, told the *Daily News* Rhodes seemed receptive to the idea.

"He prefers to be active in politics, but preferably in Columbus rather than Washington," Colley said.

"I DON'T think he wants to leave Ohio," Hughes said, adding that a Rhodes bid for auditor "might be a very logical thing."

Rhodes has refused to say publicly what his plans are. Asked if he were leaning toward the auditor's race, he answered, "I'm walking very erect."

"They (Colley and Hughes) have discussed that with me. They said, 'If not the Senate, how about auditor?' A lot of people are trying to get me off the ticket. I haven't agreed to anything," Rhodes said.

The governor did say he wasn't uncomfortable with the proposal of running for a lesser state office that the one he now holds: "I'm not on an ego trip," he said.

Rhodes said he plans to announce his political intentions later this month.

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# Raiders become patients of patient Lewis

By RICK MCCRABB  
Sports Editor

When you're the third-ranked Division II team in the country, boasting an 8-1 record with wins over MAC teams Miami and Bowling Green, everyone wants to bump you off.

But it was Wright State who eventually bumped, pushed and held themselves to an 69-57 upset loss to visiting Lewis College in front of 2,100 fans.

In a game that saw the officials, Sam Lickliter and Randy Drury, calling the Raiders for 27 personal fouls, the Flyers from Lewis were only whistled for 12. WSU's 27 fouls resulted in the Flyers taking 32 foul shots, making 27 of them (82 percent). WSU only took 11 foul shots, making nine (82 percent). The 5-5 Flyers scored 16 more points from the charity line than the Raiders. The Flyers won the game by 12.

That 12-point loss was the worst of the six defeats that Wright State has suffered with Underhill in front of the home Raider Rowdies.

Whenever a slow team comes into the P.E. Building to play the run and gun Raiders you can expect the other team to try to play a slow down game.

THAT'S EXACTLY what happened.

Lewis played an almost perfect first half making 14 of 18 field goal attempts, taking a



Steve Purcell struggles against Lewis defender.

TDG photo by Scott Kissell

commanding 35-22 halftime lead.

Several times during the first 20 minutes of action the Flyers built leads and then patiently sat on the ball looking for the best shot.

And they found the best shots.

Lewis College shot .778 percent from the first half, while WSU, bewildered by the slow down offense, shot .476 percent.

But as they have done a couple of times this season, the Raiders came out the second half smoking.

In the first six and a half minutes the Raiders outscored the Flyers 18-4. A three-point play from sophomore Mike Grote gave the Raiders the lead 40-39. But that one point lead was short-lived: The time it took the Flyers to dribble the ball the length of the court. They regained the lead and never lost it. The loss drops the Raiders to 8-2 and probably out of third place in the polls while Lewis' record goes 5-5.

**RAIDER NOTES...**The Raiders better get used to the slow-down type of game because after a road game tonight against Indiana Central, Gannon University invades the P.E. Building Saturday at 7:30. Gannon will come in after placing second in their own Holiday Invitational—beating Kentucky Wesleyan 65-63, then losing to Clarion College 82-80.

Both of these teams were recently ranked in the Top 20 in Division II.

## Jodi Martin leads Lady Raiders to sixth win

By GRETCHEN KLABER  
Sports Writer

In the first meeting between the two schools, the lady Raiders of Wright State gave visiting IUPUI a rough welcome, beating them 74-51.

Raider Jodi Martin, who has been scorching the nets in recent games scored

22 points. The 22 point effort by Martin gives her a 24.9 points per game-average the highest on the team.

Sophomore Christi Hill took care of the shots that Martin missed grabbing 14 rebounds to boast her rebound average to

IUPUI counted Martin's effort with Judy Cummings. The leading scorer for the

visiting team scored 19 points while grabbing 17 rebounds.

After grabbing a 10 point lead in the first half, Coach Pat Davis was able to substitute freely the second 20 minutes.

"I was pleased with the performance of the players. Each of the girls scored, and it was a team effort," said Davis.

Jennifer Rutherford had 6 points, giving her a total of 16 points for the year. Both Mary Allen and Cindy Hannahs scored two points. Linda Foster and Tammy Phillips, who play regularly, added two and four points to their total points for the year.

sluggish," said Davis. "Their incentive was slow, but got better in the second half of the game," said Davis.

At one point of the game, WSU was ahead of their opponent by 16 points and also during the first half IUPUI went ahead of WSU by one point, 19-18. At the half mark, WSU was leading 32-22. At the end of the game, WSU had out-scored IUPUI 42-22.

WSU was 33 of 73 in field goals and 8 for 14 from the free throw line. IUPUI was 21 of 68 in field goals and 9 for 17 from the free throw line. IUPUI out shot WSU at the line but WSU managed to out shoot IUPUI in field goals.

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